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"Sir, is it not a fact that this problem had been mooted before the Government of Madras time and again and that the Government had not taken sufficient care to solve this problem?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"I have already stated that this problem should be tackled by local bodies like the Corporation and Municipalities. Of course they may expect some loan from the Government."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—"Will it be possible for the Hon. Minister to say what steps the Government have taken to carry out the recommendations of the sub-committee?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"I am afraid I require notice for the present question, Sir."

Appointment of the Secretary to the Rajahmundry Co-operative Central Bank.

*400 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Rajahmundry Co-operative Central Bank at its last general body meeting unanimously resolved to continue their experienced Secretary in service;

(*b*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has thereafter been insisting on the removal of the said Secretary and appointment of one of his own nominees to the place;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the Registrar's vetoing the decision of the general body;

(*d*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been insisting on the Board of Management of the Rajahmundry Co-operative Central Bank accepting his advice in all matters of internal administration informing them that non-acceptance of his advice would result in withdrawal of credit facilities by the Reserve Bank to the Rajahmundry Co-operative Central Bank; and

(*e*) whether the Government received instructions from the Reserve Bank of India that credit facilities of Reserve Bank would be available only to such Co-operative Central Banks as accepted and adopt the advice of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in matters of internal administration and appointment of officers; and if so whether Government will please place a copy of such instructions on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) It is a fact that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been insisting on the removal of the Secretary of the Bank but it is not true that he wanted to appoint one of his own nominees to that post.

"(*c*) Under by-law No. 5 of the special by-laws relating to the service conditions of the employees of the Bank, no employee can be retained in service if he has attained the age of 55 years. However, there is provision in this by-law to the

effect that the Registrar may exempt any employee of the Bank from the age-limit and qualifications on the recommendation of the Board of Management. The Secretary of this Bank is a superannuated person. He completed his 55th year in December 1951. The Bank advertised the vacancy in news papers and it received eleven applications. But the Board, without examining the applications and trying to make a suitable selection, persisted in asking for the continuance of the overaged Secretary. The Registrar could not agree with the Board in the larger interests of the Bank.

"(d) No, Sir.

"(e) No, Sir."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that there is a specific by-law in the by-laws of the Co-operative Central Bank which says that the ultimate authority in all matters is the general-body and that the entire management of the bank vests in the Board of Management? If so, what right have the Government got to interfere and set aside the by-laws of the bank and apply their own rules when it is a matter outside their concern?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—"Government are well aware of the fact that the Board of Management is the final authority in so far as matters relating to payments and things of that kind are concerned. But there is a specific by-law, I mean by-law No. 5, which prohibits such continuation."

Construction of a road regulator over the Krishna anicut.

* 401 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has submitted to the Government any proposal for the construction of a road regulator over the Krishna anicut at Vijayavada;

(*b*) if so, what are the details of that proposal; and

(*c*) what the Government propose to do?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The regulator-cum-road bridge will be 59 feet upstream of the existing line of shutters. The bridge will be about 4,000 feet long and will carry National Highway No. 5, 24 feet wide with a 5 feet footpath on either side. The lifting shutters will be of 10 feet height and enable a level of 8 feet of water over the crest level of the present anicut being maintained during the irrigation season, and will be worked from the bridge, electric power being used to lift them. The greater level possible with these shutters will also facilitate extension of irrigation in the eastern and western deltas. The cost of the works is estimated to be Rs. 236 lakhs.